

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 and 15 to 24 remain pending. Claim 14 has been cancelled. Claims 1 to 12 and 20 to 24 have been withdrawn.

The claims have been made subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 120. Group I is claims 1 to 11. Group II is claim 12. Group III is claims 23 and 24. Group IV is claims 13 to 19. Group V is claim 20. Group VI is claims 21 and 22.

The Action indicates that Attorney Dara L. Dinner provisionally elected Group IV, claims 13 to 19, during a teleconference with the Examiner.

Claims 14 to 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as claims 13 to 16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,607,749 to Daggy (Daggy).

The rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 101 for same-invention double patenting is moot since it has been cancelled.

The rejection of claim 15 to 17 under 35 U.S.C. 101 for same-invention double patenting is overcome in view of the change in claim dependency from 14 to 13.

Claims 13, 18, and 19 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 12, 17, and 18 of Daggy.

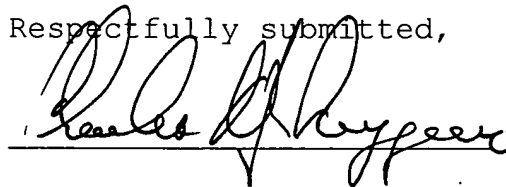
The rejection of claims 13, 18, and 19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is overcome

in view of the submission of the enclosed terminal disclaimer in view of Daggy.

Reconsideration of claims 1 to 13 and 15 to 24 is deemed warranted in view of the foregoing, and allowance of said claims is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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